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Title: *In Vitro Selection and Optional Identification of Polypeptides Using Solid Support Carriers*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

DO/EO/US
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is directed to a new U.S. application as identified above.

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to calculating the fees.

Please substitute the attached specification, claims, and abstract (42 pages) for the international application as filed and use the substitute application for examination purposes.

In the substitute application the following amendments have been incorporated:

- 1) Headings have been inserted in the specification.
- 2) Claims 6, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies. A marked-up version of claims as amended is attached and entitled *Version With Markings to Show Changes Made*.
- 3) The Abstract is amended to place it in conformance with preferred U.S. practice.

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REMARKS

Entry of the amendments and early consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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